

the pastorate of the Edna Mills church. The church was weak both financially and numerically the church seemed to give up and she did not have the enthusiasm she once had. To any pastor these conditions are not flattering. But after the services were begun new life was noticeable in the services and as the months came and went the church began to grow until almost to double its membership. They are now able to hire their own pastor, and pay him what is coming to him without defrauding him out of a single cent. Neither have they made donations and charged their pastor up with them in the end. In short we have them and cannot help it.

On account of the distance we have had to travel to and fro, and as the railroad was getting the better of us financially, and as there was a preacher near them, who could serve them for less than I could and not wishing to place any unnecessary burden upon them, we, against the feelings of the class resigned in favor of Brother Roy Teeter, a young clergyman in the Progressive church, who we believe will give satisfactory work, and in return I hope they will make the work for him as pleasant as they can. The church is in good condition for work and I hope to hear good results from them. So with a tender feeling we leave them and will ever remember them at a throne of grace. May their mornings be bright and cheerful, their mid-days be unclouded and their evenings calm. So now again only three fourths of our time is employed in pastoral work, am now ready for full work. Our engagements in revival work, we will meet as soon after National Conference as possible.

Fraternally,  
J. H. PALMER.

#### MONTHLY POSTAL REPORT.—TWO BAPTIZED.

MILFORD, IND., Aug. 12 1894.

We come again to the readers of our worthy church paper with our budget of news.

While we have nothing new to report, yet we can say as others have said, we still have our faces set Zionward endeavoring to fight the battles of life in such a way as to merit the blessings of God, considering our proneness to wander away from him, but trusting in the promises given us.

On last Tuesday evening, August 7th, two more were received into the Brethren church by baptism; may the guidance of the Holy Spirit ever lead them, and to help fight against the wiles of Satan.

The various harvest meetings held through this section of the country have been attended with good congregations and we trust the seed sown has fallen on good soil that in due time God may give the increase both spiritually and numerically.

We are pleased to note the zeal manifested in the congregations

where these meetings have been held.

The brethren at Nappanee, we must say deserve the credit of the Brotherhood for their energy in pushing the Master's cause. God forbid that anything should befall them to mar the fellowship and unity at that place.

Fraternally,  
S. B. GRISSO,

#### OLD DOMINION.

A ride of forty miles by rail and as many by private conveyance, put us among the W. Virginia hills and mountains, where we enjoyed the cool air and the sparkling waters for ten days. While resting we met the people at church and talked to them about the plan of salvation until six yielded to the way of the Lord and one applicant by relation to come yet. It was suggested that we have a communion before our departure as none of them ever attend such service, and perhaps the only chance during the year, we agreed to do so looking to no special time, only that it was in the evening and in a German Baptist Brethren church, when we commemorated the event of the divine tragedy and cost of our redemption, and not the day. Old church fathers are safe to follow when corroborated by the New Testament Scripture. We might administer milk and salt to the new converts and baptize them in a nude state and quote church fathers as authority; to unlearn is more difficult than to learn. Paul was compelled to yield to custom, Acts xvi, 3, so we may do to save others. When we do no violence to the word or cause it to be taught as doctrine of the church.

Divine Healing is no innovation and why should we be startled when some believe they have felt its power. One thing I have noticed, those who believe it are generally consecrated and humble persons trusting on his promises. May the Lord lead us into full faith and to wear the cloak of forbearance. Our conference may consider some of these subjects but dare not make a law touching any one's conscientious views where there is no saith the Lord. "So do not fear little flock." Go forward in the Christian faith of prayer, consecration, humility, forbearance, charity, brotherly love. "The time is short" let us hold with implicit confidence to the plain good old way given to us by him who "is great."

E. B. SHAVER.  
Maurertown, Va.

#### OUR JOURNEYINGS.

MULBERRY, IND.

In response to Sister Snowden's letter in EVANGELIST number 21, we left our home July 31st, and reaching Astoria the 1st inst, where we were met at depot by Brother B. F. Schisler and Brother Fitz. Brother B. F. escorted us to Sister Snowden's residence

where we were made welcome.

Began our meetings the first of August and continued for one week. Though small congregations, we had a very enjoyable time and feel that some seed was sown which will be garnered ere long.

Though the class is not yet organized, we think the prospects are good for a speedy organization. Quite a few from the German Baptist's are dissatisfied with "church customs", etc., and some who have been raised in the faith have made no profession, which will quite likely unite when an organization is completed: again there are others from different churches we can look for.

This point should receive attention from the Mission Board.

The Brethren there lay strong claims to Brother Bashor in giving them a four weeks meeting and nothing short of his presence will suffice, as every one was well pleased with him when there before. He had best lay out his program accordingly. We had also the privilege of holding the first "Progressive communion" in Astoria. The little band, eleven in number, surrounded the table of the Lord and for the first time, observed the ordinances of God's house as they so much desired. It was a glorious privilege and all felt strengthened and encouraged. While there we made our home with Brother Fitz and Sister Snowden—very pleasantly and agreeably entertained, for which they have our best thanks. All in all, though our efforts were weak we had a very pleasant meeting and was glad to have met the little band. God's blessing be theirs.

While at Astoria we received a letter from Brother Lichty, Norcat, Kansas, where we spent the month of May last, in the Master's service.

They are in a sad condition, owing to drought. Some, he states, will have to be aided in order to live through the winter. We feel sorry for them and that they cannot have regular preaching. We had learned to feel an interest in them. May they put their trust in a God who has promised to never forsake them.

L. A. HAZLETT.

#### A NEW CHURCH HOUSE.

WILLIAMSTOWN, Aug., 12th, 1894.

DEAR BRETHREN EVANGELIST:—Work has begun on the new church at this place, in earnest, with a good force of laborers and is moving up as rapidly as could be expected. Bro. A. J. Baughman is sparing no pains to make everything firm and solid. All seem anxious to do what they can to keep things moving. May we all feel a deep interest in this work and do all we can that we may have a church that the community may feel proud of. Do not let us feel because it is not built our way that we are not to do any thing. It is almost impossible to build to suit every body. Let us all work and pull steadily together and I will

guarantee we will get a church. Let us remember that some one else is to be suited besides us, when we do our part the Lord will bless us and help us.

COR. SEC.

#### WANTS A PASTOR.

MORRIS, WIRT CO., VA., Aug. 12, 1894.

DEAR BROTHER:—I thought I would write a few lines to let you know how the church at Prosperity is getting along.

We have a good house to worship in, with thirty or forty members; but have no pastor now nor haven't had one for a year. We are not financially able to hire one for there is no other Brethren church within about fifty miles of us. If we could get a preacher we could partly support him now. Now we thought by writing this letter that we could get some information in regard to getting a preacher.

Yours truly,  
Address, JACOB GAULT, DEACON.

#### FROM FAIR HAVEN, OHIO.

Our business meeting passed off pleasantly, and as far as we know satisfactorily to all. Elder P. J. Brown presided and all business was disposed of in good order.

At this meeting Brother E. R. Fetters was advanced to the Christian ministry, by prayer and the laying on of hands. Brother Fetters is a promising young man and no doubt will do the church good service. It was also decided at this meeting to have communion service on the 6th of October, and to have an all day meeting. We give this timely notice so that the coast may be kept clear for us, as we want a general good time on that day and the following Sunday, and we want all our neighboring churches to be well represented here on that occasion. Come Brethren, let us have a general old fashioned good time together.

We also balloted for a pastor for the coming year. The old pastor received all the ballots except two, and it is hoped these two will try and be satisfied with the result. Let us all take new courage, hoping finally all to get safe to land. P. J. Brown and Wm. Kiefer were elected to represent Fair Haven, at National Conference at Ashland.

WM. KIEFER, PASTOR.

It is a good thing to have faith in yourself, but there are rivers through which such faith will not carry you. We have great respect for a very moral man, and when one is strictly moral for the sake of morality itself and not because of any fear of reward or punishment attending his acts, there is a sense in which his conduct is peculiarly worthy of praise. But a moralist should not trust in his morality to save him, because he does not know himself as men know him, and much less as God knows him.